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## FACULTY VOTES NO CONFIDENCE

Students turn out for silent protest at President's office hours

**Scarlett Green**  
Opinion Editor

On Sunday, November 4th, just two days before the midterm elections, the results of another vote were being reviewed: the faculty vote of no confidence in President Eibeck. Of the 378 total ballots that were completed, 93.4% of faculty voted to support the resolution of no confidence written by Pacific's Academic Council last month. With 80% of tenured faculty members and 58% of non-tenured faculty members having participated in the vote, the results are considered to be statistically significant.

"As a university, we don't exist without faculty. The faculty are the lifeblood, the faculty are the people that we see every day," says ASUOP President Grant Kirkpatrick (Political Science and Religious Studies '19). "the fact that they would vote in such high numbers of having no confidence in our president is a really strong statement and one that I don't think the Board of Regents would

be wise to disregard".

This vote of no confidence sparked heated conversation among members of the Pacific community, especially since a plan to lead a silent protest during President Eibeck's office hours had already been in the works. The protest, held on the evening of November 6th, consisted of students gathering outside of the President's office waiting their turn to have a conversation with President Eibeck herself.

When asked what motivated her to come out to the silent protest, Becky Cooper (Art 2019) says, "I think that students have been too quiet for too long. I think we've all been angry but we haven't been doing anything about it and I regret that it took me until my senior year but I also didn't know that [President Eibeck's] office hours existed."

In order to ensure that each student waiting outside of the President's office was able to speak with her, each student was allotted five minutes of time inside the office. Many students used this time to ask questions about budget cuts, upper administration's response to the vote of no confidence, and about the future of the university.

According to Robert Andrews (Applied Economics '22), "I do feel like it [speaking with Pres-



Students advertise the silent protest on campus Spirit Rocks..

PC: Carlos Flores

ident Eibeck] will calm people down a little bit. Because that's always been the goal, we just want communication with the administration... Now that students are actually going in and talking to the president, we've already seen way more than we've ever gotten at her office before. Usually she gets two to three people and as we've seen there's already ten times that [here today]."

Last spring, the Pacifican published an article titled "Activity v. Apathy" in which staff members

*"I think the students have been quiet for too long."*

analyzed the decision of many Pacific students to remain politically inactive. In contrast, this fall semester, we have witnessed students become more active than ever. As long as communication exists between all members of the Pacific community, it can be predicted that the university will continue to grow and better itself.

## Stockton Scholars to reach more

Spanos Co. donates

**Natalia Gevara**  
News Editor

In January of 2018, Mayor Michael Tubbs launched the Stockton Scholars Initiative, which aims to provide financial assistance to Stockton students seeking a higher education. The program was kickstarted with a \$20 million dollar donation from the California Community Foundation, and is currently open exclusively to high school student within the Stockton Unified School District.

This past September, however, Stockton Scholars has collaborated with A.G. Spanos Company to help local high school students attend Pacific. The company donated a \$100,000 grant to the initiative, with the endeavor to help Stockton students attend the university.

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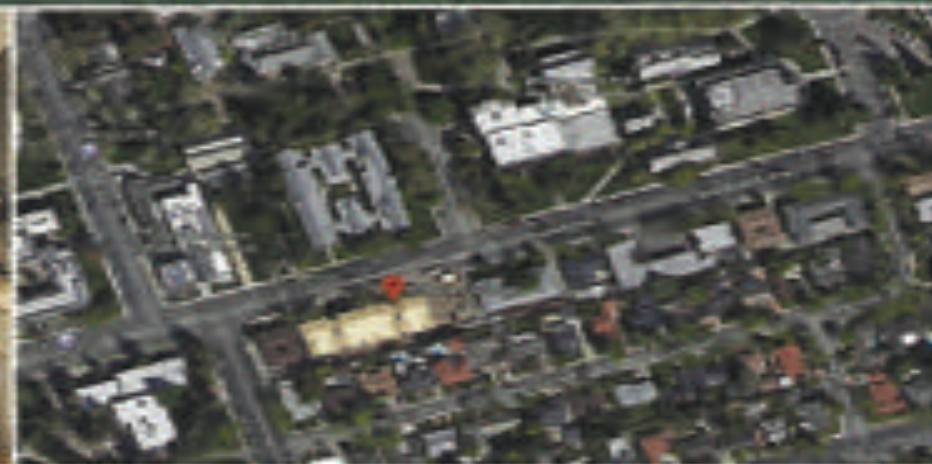
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university,” president of A.G. Spanos Co. Michael Spanos said. “Through this new partnership between Stockton Scholars and University of the Pacific, we are taking another step in offering hope for the future to graduating seniors.”

Starting next academic year, scholarships up to \$1,000 will be given to high school students who meets Pacific’s admission requirements. In addition to that, students will be required to have lived in Stockton in for at least the past two years and complete the federal student aid application.

The Spanos donation is meant to set in motion the Powell Match, the university’s gift matching program that doubles any endowment

made to Pacific. The donation also supports Leading with Purpose: The Campaign for University of the Pacific, which is a historic fund-raising effort to enhance resources for Pacific Students and the community.

This contribution is ground breaking because initially, the Stockton Scholars program was only available to high school students going to public California universities. With the Spanos donation, Stockton students will now have a better chance to attend Pacific, a private university.

“As a Stockton resident, I really think this opportunity will help better the chances for high school students here to choose Pacific,” History major Ruhksar Shiraz ‘20 said.



Stockton Scholars received a donation from the A.G. Spanos Company to help Stockton students attend Pacific

Shiraz, like many students at Pacific, is a part of the Community Involvement Program here CIP is a comprehensive need-based scholarship and retention program for first-generation college students from the Stockton community who have been involved in community leadership and service.

With the addition of this scholarship, the avenue for Stockton high school students to Pacific has been made a bit more accessible. Currently, community members are being encouraged to donate to Pacific’s Stockton Scholars fund to enable additional qualified students to attend the university.



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# FACULTY CONCERNS MUST BE HEEDED

**Scarlett Green**

*Opinion Editor*

While students have been very vocal in expressing their discontent in the form of protest and indignant spray painting in the dead of night, many faculty members have not had the same freedom to speak out against upper administration.

This hesitancy to critique administrators stems mainly from fear of their programs being stifled or cut or simply of losing their jobs. In a university that is supposedly people centered, why should the people upon whose backs the university rests have to fear retaliation for speaking up for themselves?

However, faculty have taken more diplomatic routes of protest in the form of a letter of concern, followed by a Resolution of No Confidence in the President written by the Academic Council, and have just taken a vote in which 93.4% of participants expressed no confidence in the president. While it seems as though administration has responded somewhat to the omnipresent distress of its students, faculty may feel as though their concerns have gone largely unaddressed. Despite the specific outline of faculty concerns that was meticulously put together by the Academic Council, upper administration along with the Board of Regents have taken care to dimin-

ish or blatantly ignore the glaring issues presented in the resolution.

For example, in a letter addressed to the Pacific community from the Board of Regents, Chairman Kevin Huber says with regard to the protest and resolution of no confidence, "The Board of Regents strongly and unequivocally supports President Eibeck and the university administration. The president has led with tremendous success and remains committed to ensuring our students receive a superior education and our university has a robust future." He later says, "Actions to undermine the president and university administration only serve to divide our university community and damage our reputation."

*"Some find it a bit troublesome that the concerns of faculty are viewed as an obstacle rather than as useful ideas..."*

Some find it frustrating that instead of addressing the concerns brought up in the resolution of no confidence, Huber instead discouraged such critiques

of administration by characterizing them as a show of disloyalty that could reflect badly on the school. Many believe that, in reality, such critiques are made only out of concern for the longevity of the university and believe it to be in the best interest of the regents to listen to such concerns instead of dismissing them.

For example, Professor and Chair of Religious Studies Alan Lenzi describes how the Eibeck Administration has generally come to view faculty as more of a roadblock due to the major concerns that faculty have brought up in contrast to the plan presented by administration. "Faculty are idealists, I think, in many cases. Nothing will be right until it is perfect. And nothing can ever be perfect. The Enlightenment motto rings true with faculty, I think, namely: Criticize everything. So Administration sees us as an obstacle. That's my observation. And we really, truly are, but in a good way usually. There is a dialectic at work between the pragmatists (admin) and the idealists (faculty). We need both. Of late, however, faculty have become more of an obstacle because we suspect things have gone off the rails. We're holding the administration accountable in a way that is much more uncomfortable than merely inconvenient, as is often the case" he says.

Some find it a bit troublesome that the concerns of faculty are viewed as an obstacle, rather than as useful ideas that are respected and could be implemented for the betterment of the university.

For example, Professor and Legal Scholars Director Cynthia Ostberg says, "I do think that transparency, communication, the board working with the students and the faculty regularly at every regent meeting, that there is an exchange for half an hour [are all necessary]. Not creating an ad-hoc committee with two faculty members on it and maybe one student and the rest are administrators, that's not going to shore up the problem. It's continuous dialogue, it's continuous working together that's going to fix it."

*"Just Because you do not pay \$46,000 each year... does not mean that your opinions should not matter"*

As shown by the letter of no confidence, student protests, and the withdrawal of donations to the university, it is necessary that we listen to the voices of individuals within the faculty who we know and trust so well. This

story is written in solidarity with the outspoken faculty leaders within the Academic Council and to let our trusted professors know that although attempts to stifle their voices may be made, their students are here to ensure that they are heard. Just because you do not pay \$46,000 each year to the university does not mean that your opinions should not matter.

*"The goal of this story is... to encourage administration and regents to not only*

*listen to faculty, but also to view their concerns as an asset rather than an obstacle."*

he most valuable of all at roughly \$ 300 million, and we refuse to let those of our professors go unacknowledged. The goal of this story is not to pit administrators and regents against faculty and students but rather to encourage administration and regents to not only listen to faculty, but also to view their concerns as an asset rather than an obstacle.

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# UNDERSTANDING IMMIGRATION TO THE US

Natalia Gevara  
News Editor

The immigrant caravan is an almost direct result of US backed intervention in Central America during the 20th century.

At the wake of the 2018 midterm elections, thousands of Central American migrants began their trudge toward the US-Mexico border. This migrant caravan is comprised of those from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

This caravan includes more than just one group. The main one includes around 5,000 migrants, while the other two are smaller. The journey has proven to be brutal, as the migrants suffer through heat, dehydration, and sometimes a lack of food and sanitation in the camps

they stop at along the way.

These migrants have cited violence, corruption, and high crime rates as reasons for why they are fleeing their home countries. Though these threats of violence within Central America can be backed by evidence, there are many still demonizing those migrating with the caravan.

In a way, it's almost no surprise that Donald Trump used the migrant caravan as a fear mongering tool just weeks before the midterm elections. Trump tweeted that "many gang members and some very bad people are mixed into the caravan heading to our Southern border." He also argued, without evidence, that "criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in."

Many of Trump's sup-



Immigrants flood across the border seeking refuge and asylum.

PC: RT.com

porters will argue these baseless statements, further demonstrating their hatred for black and brown individuals. Calling this migrant caravan an "invasion" not only demonstrates obvious xenophobia, but it is also not reflective of the truth.

Those trekking within the migrant caravan have the right to claim asylum once they reach the United States if they say they're fleeing violence within their own home country. Under international law, this fear of persecution makes the migrants refugees. If they are seeking asylum outside a port of entry, they still have the right to a hearing.

But we also cannot forget that these migrants are fleeing countries that were

destabilized as an almost direct result of US backed interventions during the 20th century.

In the 1950s, the CIA helped organize a military coup to help overthrow Guatemala's democratically elected government, after the country attempted to end exploitative labor practices — which would undermine US interests within the area. As a result, an estimated 200,000 people were killed in the 36 year long civil war that greatly destabilized the region.

Additionally, during the Cold War, US intervened militarily throughout the region with the endeavor to "contain" the spread of socialism within the area. Along with Richard Nixon's

"war on drugs," these decision made by the US brought an abundance of violence and instability to Central America, which has translated into the migrant crisis that we see today.

With all of this in mind, it is important to remember that the people seeking refuge at our border are only victims of violence and corruption. No matter how much right-wing media tries to make it seem, these are not violent criminals looking to undermine US democracy. These are people seeking another chance at life — people who can't wait through our broken immigration system for years because their livelihoods are at stake.

I believe that when we

look at this migrant caravan, we have to put ourselves in their shoes for a few moments. If you and your family were constantly threatened by gang violence, and your lives were at stake, would you be able to wait 10 or more years to escape? This is the reality for those within the migrant caravan, for them, there is no where else for them to run.

Furthermore, we have to remember that history confesses that the United States is at least partly at fault for why these migrants have to escape their home country. With that in mind, who are we to turn them away? Who are we to deny refuge to these individuals, when that is the very legacy of the United States to begin with?

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# PACIFIC CAMPUS HOSTS HALLOWEEN

**Malvika Raj**  
*Contributor*

It was that time of year again. The endless summer light had blossomed into crisp autumn winds and once again Halloween rolled back around.

University of the Pacific hosted Safe Trick or Treat on October 24th. This year served as the 20th year the school has pulled off this grand event.

Students and Pacific staff jumping into action- wearing costumes, handing out candy, and providing Stockton's youth a safe place to trick or treat a week before the official day of Halloween.

Safe Trick or Treat consists

of various booths scattered around campus filled with tricks, treats, and a whole lot of fun.

Parents enjoyed bringing their kids to the event. "It is nice to bring my daughter to a safe area to trick or treat," says Stockton resident Aracel Urea.

The Latinx Community Outreach Center, placed between Casa Werner and Price Residence Halls, pulled off a grand booth centered around the upcoming holiday Día de Muertos (The Day of the Dead) which honors the deceased.

Students decorated the center with candles and constructed an alter with pictures of the notable peo-



Pacific hosts Safe Trick or Treat each Halloween.

PC: Natalia Gevara

ple who had passed on.

While handing out candy to an ever growing line of trick or treaters, a screen projector in the background

played the Disney movie Coco- an animated film that celebrated Mexican heritage. Trick-or-Treaters caught glimpses of the beloved

movie as they trotted from the entrance to the exit.

"The overall theme is inspired by Coco and celebrates the Mexican heritage,"

says Christopher Lopez, 19.

Three UoP students dressed as the Three Amigos from the similarly titled 1986 Western comedy, which added the finishing touch to the already cinematic experience.

The film is about three silent film stars that stumble into an impoverished Mexican village who are mistaken for real heroes and who must live up to their reputation.

Within the rooms of a small community hall, The Latinx Community Outreach used Halloween as a gateway into Mexican culture, giving trick or treaters a combination of culture, fun, and of course, candy.

# STOCKTON KINGS PLAY HOME OPENER

**Carlos Flores**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

On November 2nd, the newly moved NBA G-League team Stockton Kings hosted their very first game in the Stockton Arena, losing to the Oklahoma City Blue by a score of 124-89. The Stockton Kings are the NBA development-league team affiliate of the Sacramento Kings.

The Kings, formerly known as the Reno Bighorns, have been affiliated with the Sacramento Kings since their founding in 2008, and have been a part of the Sacramento Kings ownership since 2016, after the

Kings changed ownership in 2013. While the Stockton Kings are still searching for their first home win, their first franchise win since the move from Reno would come only a day later with a 108-106 win over the South Bay Lakers, an El Segundo-based affiliate of the Los Angeles Lakers. Their first home win would then come on November 5th, again against the South Bay Lakers, this time with a score of 120-87.

The Stockton community welcomed their new team with an opening night crowd of 5000, with guests including Sacramento Kings general manager Vlade Divac,



The Stockton Kings are finally here, and tickets are on sale at [www.stocktonkings.com](http://www.stocktonkings.com). PC: Stockton Kings

team owner Vivek Ranadive, and Stockton Mayor Michael Tubbs in attendance.

The Kings struggled offensively, scoring on just 38% of their attempted shots, and 26% from outside the 3-point line. The Stockton offense was led by Kalin Lucas, who scored 19 points

coming off of the bench for the Kings.

In their final season in Reno, the former Bighorns finished first in their division, winning their third franchise division championship in their final season before their move to the Central Valley.

Since the announcement of the franchise's arrival in Stockton, more and more about the Stockton Kings was revealed leading up to the inaugural hope opener, including the logos, the roster, the jerseys, and most recently, the mascot Dunkson, a purple-mohawk-sporting

lion and younger brother of Sacramento Kings mascot Slamson.

While the Stockton Kings share the name and colors of their parent club, the Stockton Kings logos more prominently feature themes of their new stomping grounds, with a celebratory mural even being painted in downtown Stockton to welcome the Kings to the 209.

Hopefully, this new era of basketball in Stockton will see success as the Kings begin to settle into their new home.

Tickets to see the Kings at the Stockton Arena can be purchased at [www.stocktonkings.com](http://www.stocktonkings.com).



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# PACIFIC RUNNER BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD

Amanda Davis  
Sports Editor

On October 27th, Pacific's Women's Cross Country team participated in the West Coast Conference championship race in Provo, Utah. In recent years this team has ranked 10th place out of 10 teams for this particular race, but this year they placed 8th. Not only did they reach this success as a team, but one individual stands out for Pacific as a record-breaking runner for this year's WCC race.

Jasmine Gonzalez, Psychology 2020, broke two records for our school at this race, one in rank and the other in time. She is the first to have finished in the top 20, placing 18th, and she broke our school's record by crossing the finish line at 21:12.7. This feat has been on her mind ever since she started here as a student on the Cross Country team. She is proud of herself for this success, and fortunately the previous record-holder is too. According to Gonzalez, her coach has been drilling this goal into the team's mind all season.

The previous time, 21:25, was integrated into the team's lives every day. It was one of the main goals for the team to beat this time since they often run 6ks. Gonzalez knew she would get there at some point before she graduated, but she did not know when. Her recent personal record



Jasmine Gonzalez focuses her attention during the WCC Championship race.

PC: Ken Martinez

was 21:45—she had never broken 21:30 for a 6k before.

Gonzalez knew that she was ranked highly in an estimate of how the race would play out. She was ranked 21st, the best ranking for her team. This ranking was decided on past times for the 6k as well as who each runner has beaten in the past. Gonzalez waited until the day before the race to see her prospective ranking, not wanting it to stress her out during the school week. She did not anticipate feeling nervous, but after seeing her ranking she definitely was.

With clocks at every mile, Gonzalez could see that she was making good time. She knew what time she needed to hit at the first mile to be at a good

pace for breaking the record. Her coach was also there to let her know if she needed to speed up or if her pace was good when he saw her during the race. When she saw that she was on track at the first mile, she began to feel confident that she could beat the record time.

"[I was] telling myself 'You could totally do it,'" Gonzalez relates. "That motivation internally for sure helped me break that time." When she saw the final clock by the finish line, she instantly knew she would be breaking the school record without a doubt.

"Before the race I honestly did not think I could break the record," Gonzalez admits. "That was my coach's attention...I

was just okay with breaking 21:30, personally." She states that when she crossed the finish line and broke the school record, it was the best feeling.

"I just felt to the floor like 'thank you, God!'" Gonzalez exclaims. "I was so happy, I was crying. It was really emotional." Her teammates were all happy for her, and she says that it was "a cool moment."

To celebrate, Gonzalez went out to eat a burger, some fries, and lemonade. She also had ice cream and hot cheetos later that night.

"That's what I usually do to celebrate, I just eat whatever I want," Gonzalez explains. Normally she eats healthy and tries to drink a lot of water, but she felt that she earned a night of

junk food.

Confidence inarguably played a part in Gonzalez's victory last month. Most of her best times have been made at this course, and it is similar to her home course in Fresno. The hilly dirt path and all of her training combined gave her self-assurance.

"[Coach] know I am capable of reaching better times," Gonzalez observes. Her training has been much like what the rest of her team does, though she has higher goals to reach during practices. Sometimes she would run more miles or need to beat faster times for drills. After all of that, what was left to set her up for the race was to properly warm up and "say a little prayer" at the starting line.

The season is coming to a close, with only one more race left for the Cross Country team, but it is not the end of their training. Each member will continue training on their own in the winter and during the summer to stay in shape for the next season. Gonzalez plans on continuing

with the team in 2019.

"[It will be] my last season. I cannot slack off!" Gonzalez declares. "I wanna do everything perfectly!" She started running in the 5th grade and did not become serious about it until her sophomore year of high school, when she joined the team to get in shape for soccer. She fell in love with the sport then and, wrapping up her 6th year of running cross country since then, she is not about to let herself get too lazy and lose what she has been working on. She also recognizes that this has not been a solo journey, either.

"I give a lot of thanks to my teammates 'cause they for sure helped me out a lot this season," Gonzalez recalls. "They are all hard-working and they gave their all at the race too... Super thanks for my teammates and coach because they had a lot of patience with me. Super much love for them."

With such a great ending to the season for Gonzalez, next season will be one you do not want to miss.



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